

Calendar No. 387

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 60

[Report No. 109–228]

Designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri,
as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SUNUNU) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 3, 2006

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment and an amendment to the preamble

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, was founded in 1990, in honor of those individuals who played in the Negro Baseball Leagues as a result of segregation in America;

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is the only public museum in the Nation that exists for the exclusive purpose of interpreting the experiences of the players in the Negro Leagues from 1920 through 1970;

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum project began in the 1980s, through a large scale, grass roots, civic and fundraising effort by citizens and baseball fans in the Kansas City metropolitan area;

Whereas the first Negro Leagues Baseball Museum was located at 1615 East 18th Street in the historic “18th and Vine District”, which was designated by the city of Kansas City, Missouri, in ~~1988~~, *as 1988 as* historic in nature and the birthplace of the Negro Leagues;

Whereas the current Negro Leagues Baseball Museum was opened at 1616 East 18th Street in 1997, with a dramatic expansion of core exhibition and gallery space and over 10,000 square feet of new interpretive and educational exhibits;

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum continues to receive strong support from the residents of the Kansas City metropolitan area and annually entertains over 60,000 visitors from all 50 States, and numerous foreign countries;

Whereas there remains a need to preserve the evidence of honor, courage, sacrifice, and triumph in the face of segregation of those African Americans who played in the Negro Leagues;

Whereas the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum seeks to educate a diverse audience through its comprehensive collection of historical materials, important artifacts, and oral histories of the participants in the Negro Leagues and

the impact that segregation played in the lives of these individuals and their fans; and

Whereas a great opportunity exists to use the invaluable resources of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum to teach the Nation's school children, through on-site visits, traveling exhibits, classroom curriculum, distance learning, and other educational initiatives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) designates the Negro Leagues Baseball Mu-
4 seum in Kansas City, Missouri, including the muse-
5 ums future and expanded exhibits, collections li-
6 brary, archives, artifacts and education programs as
7 “America’s National Negro Leagues Baseball Mu-
8 seum”;

9 ~~(2) supports the Negro Leagues Baseball Mu-~~
10 ~~seum in their efforts to recognize and preserve the~~

11 (2) *supports the efforts of the Negro Leagues*
12 *Baseball Museum to recognize and preserve the his-*
13 *tory of the Negro Leagues and the impact of seg-*
14 *regation on our Nation;*

15 (3) recognizes that the continued collection,
16 preservation, and interpretation of the historical ob-
17 jects and other historical materials held by the
18 Negro Leagues Baseball Museum enhances our
19 knowledge and understanding of the experience of
20 African Americans during legal segregation;

1 (4) commends the ongoing development and vis-
2 ibility of the “Power Alley” educational outreach
3 program for teachers and students throughout the
4 Nation sponsored by the Negro Leagues Baseball
5 Museum;

6 (5) asks all Americans to join in celebrating the
7 Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and its mission of
8 preserving and interpreting the legacy of the Negro
9 Leagues; and

10 (6) encourages present and future generations
11 to understand the sensitive issues surrounding the
12 Negro Leagues, how they helped shape our Nation
13 and Major League Baseball, and how the sacrifices
14 made by Negro League players helped make baseball
15 America’s national pastime.

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